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MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 17, 2004 – 5:30 PM
3rd Floor, One Civic Center

Present: Chairman John Shultz
Vice Chair Badenoch
Commissioner Lisa Haskell
Commissioner Dick Kiesell
Commissioner John Horwitz
Commissioner Jim Pompe
Commissioner Christine Schild

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Joanie Mead

Guests: George Williams
Judy Anderson
Fritz Leidens
Krista Winter

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:30 PM and members were present as stated above.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

The Commission welcomed Christine Schild as their new commissioner. Ms. Commissioner Schild introduced herself to the group.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2004 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER BADENOCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0. COMMISSIONER SCHILD RECUSED HERSELF AS SHE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE LAST MEETING.

PRESENTATION REGARDING TRAFFIC CALMING TECHNIQUES.

George Williams, Traffic Engineering Analyst made a presentation to the commission regarding the city's current traffic calming techniques. His presentation

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covered the different types of calming devices – speed humps, speed tables, roundabouts and traffic circles. Mr. Williams included information on past and current traffic calming projects and their effectiveness and acceptance by the neighborhoods in which they have been installed. All of the traffic calming projects for which data had been analyzed had resulted in a reduced rate of speed and a drop in volume. His presentation included slides showing different traffic calming devices being used alone and in combination with other devices. He stated that the department is currently developing a policy regarding the installation of traffic calming devices for future use.

Approximately 20 neighborhoods have completed the city's speed awareness program which includes education and enforcement. One of the current proposals is to install 30 entry feature islands to support revitalization. These define the transition from the major streets to the arterials and on to the minor streets. The issue for the department is how much public involvement there be before a project is begun in a neighborhood.

Mr. Williams told the commission that some of the designs leave room for a neighborhood to come back later and add a low wall to designate the neighborhood. Chairman Shultz stated that this might be an area where the NEC could help a neighborhood with funding for a neighborhood monument.

Mr. Williams asked for feedback from the commission regarding the development of a policy for installation of traffic calming devices. The commission was positive about the program and asked to be updated as the policy was developed.

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT REQUEST FROM CAMELLO VISTA (HOA 6-04). NOTE: THIS APPLICATION WAS REVISED TO REFLECT ADHERENCE TO THE ADOPTED GUIDELINES.**

Judy Anderson of the Camello Vista HOA explained to the commission that the revised request was for \$2500 to assist the association in converting 30 acres of grass to xeriscape in some of the common areas of their development. The project is scheduled to start on December 1, 2004.

Commissioner Kiesell congratulated Ms. Anderson on the submission. Commissioner Badenoch stated that she was also impressed with the detail included in the application.

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COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500. COMMISSIONER HASKELL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Shultz asked Ms. Anderson to please take pictures before and after the project is completed and submit them to the commission for review.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION REGARDING
APPLICABILITY ON THE USE OF NEP FUNDS TO ADDRESS CHANGES IN
POOL FENCING REGULATIONS BY MARICOPA COUNTY FOR FENCES
SURROUNDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION POOLS.**

Mr. Keagy began by informing the commissioners that he had spoken to representatives from Tempe and Glendale regarding those cities' policies for handling requests for funding for the replacement/retrofitting of pool fencing in HOAs. Both Glendale and Tempe have a matching fund program similar to that of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission's. Mr. Keagy stated that Tempe had not received any calls on the issue and had not formulated a formal policy. Glendale had adopted a policy that they would accept applications for this type of improvement. However, if the HOA accepted the money to make improvements, those improvements would have to be made available to the public.

Chairman Shultz asked if Mr. Keagy has received input from the city attorney regarding the city's liability if the commission were to turn down an application and an accident then occurred.

Mr. Keagy indicated that the commission had the right to set standards for the use of the funds that they grant. He stated that as long as the commission set a policy and apply it in a uniform manner, there would not be an issue.

Chairman Shultz stated that he believed that the application for this type of funding would fall under the purview of the commission. Commissioner Kiesell agreed.

Mr. Keagy stated that 3 of the 14 applications for the next cycle are requesting funding for this type of project. Chairman Shultz asked if the three HOAs have the same management company. Ms. Meade stated that two of the three may be the same management company, but she didn't look closely at that information.

Commissioner Horwitz stated that he believed the commission had an opportunity to set a standard for the entire country regarding this issue. He stated that with the prevalence of child drowning in the city, he felt that the commission should consider

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funding any and all applications for pool fencing. He stated that he felt the opportunity to possibly prevent another child drowning far outweighed the need for xeriscaping and other beautification projects. This is a major issue of maybe saving lives. He stated that he felt the commission should make a point of getting out there and doing whatever they can to assist the community.

Commissioner Horwitz also questioned whether the commission would need to have some type of liability waiver signed in this type of situation.

Mr. Keagy indicated that there is a section of the application that covers liability.

Ms. Mead stated that the associations have a deadline to comply of January 1, 2005. Some have applied because the timing was perfect. Others may not have been able to and will have to do a special assessment or take money from their reserve accounts.

Commissioner Kiesell stated that he felt that each application needed to be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Commissioner Schild noted that if the 600 HOA pools in Scottsdale all needed funding, it would take double the commission's budget for 10 years to fund all those projects. Chairman Shultz stated that not all of those pools are non-compliant and not all of the non-compliant HOA's would necessarily approach the commission for matching funds. Commissioner Kiesell stated that there is no way to know how much it will cost because the commission doesn't know how many groups will apply. He re-stated that the applications should be accepted and have each judged by its own merits.

Commissioner Horwitz suggested that it would be great to tie this issue in with the opening of the Scottsdale Fire Department.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE UPCOMING NEP FUNDING REQUESTS
INCLUDING LOGISTICS OF DECEMBER MEETING AND PROPOSED REVIEW
OF APPLICATIONS.**

Ms. Mead told the commission that there are 14 requests for funding in the fall session totaling \$30,000. The commission had earmarked \$15,000 for the first half of the year and \$15,000 for the second half for funding for HOAs. She stated that there is a possibility that the commission could use the entire year's HOA funding allotment for the entire year in the Fall. The commission had earmarked \$37,000 for

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non-HOAs and there has only been one request from non-HOA's during the current year.

Mr. Keagy stated that this leaves the commission in the position where they could judge the HOA's against each other and award money to the ones who best qualify. However, based on his recent conversation with Ed Gawf, Deputy City Manager, about this program and revitalization as a whole and the potential for money being allocated or taken away. He wants to challenge the commission to really revamping the program. The downside would be that in the Spring, there may be different program that should be considered and the spring cycle goes away because the funding would be re-allocated.

Mr. Keagy discussed the need to plan for the December meeting. Commissioners will meet in the 3rd floor conference room at 5:00 pm. The meeting will officially begin at 5:30 pm. Due to the anticipated size of the audience, the meeting will be held in the first floor conference room.

Ms. Mead passed out the application packets to the commissioners. She stated that the commissioners may use the summary sheets to write their comments on. They will be collected at the end of the meeting as part of the public record.

Commissioners discussed the need to schedule the presentations and to limit the amount of time allotted to each presenter. Ms. Mead will contact the presenters and inform them that each group has five minutes for presentation. The commissioners will then ask any questions necessary.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

Ms. Meade asks the commissioners if they received the thank you note from Rebuilding Together. The commissioners had received it.

Chairman Shultz asked about the paint-a-thon. Ms. Meade reported that three homes were painted and that about 60 volunteers worked on the project.

Mr. Keagy again welcomes Commissioner Schild and welcomes Commissioner Horwitz back.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (ARS 38-431.02) – None

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NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting date will be December 1, 2004 at 5:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Conway
Recording Secretary